

THE ROBINS REV-UP

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Robins Air Force Base, Ga.



THE MACH READ

Green Street gate barrier construction begins Dec. 5

Traffic flow at the Green Street gate will change Dec. 5, as new traffic barrier construction begins.

The gate will be open to incoming traffic only from 5:30 – 8:30 a.m. From 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. there will only be one inbound and one outbound lane available, so motorists should expect delays or choose an alternate gate. More information will be available in the coming editions of the Rev-Up.

Tops in Blue holds free concert

The U.S. Air Force's Tops In Blue is offering a free concert at the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hanger Nov. 29 at 7 p.m.

Tickets will be issued at 5:30 p.m. Doors will open to the general public on a first-come-first-serve basis at 6:30 p.m. Back packs and large bags cannot be brought into the museum. All bags will be subject to search.

A shuttle bus will depart from the Smith Community Center at 6 p.m. and will be limited to 40 people. The Macon Street gate to the museum (by the Russell Parkway Gate) will be open.

Tops In Blue 2005 drums up its own rhythm in a swinging nightclub, Club Bleu. Audiences will be tapping their feet to pulsating music from great performers like the Platters, Gladys Knight and The Pips, Billy Joel, Gloria Estafan, The Weather Girls and more. No Tops In Blue show would be complete without famous patriotic music, as they pay tribute to all Air Force personnel and their families who serve our nation.

For more information call the Community Center at 926-2105.

Goal day metrics

May 30, 2006, is the next date targeted for a goal day. To earn the day off, the following goals must be achieved:

DUIs as of Nov. 8
50% reduction from fiscal 04

1	2	3	4	5	6
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- Maximum DUIs before losing goal day, 5
- Current DUIs obtained, 1

Training attendance as of Nov. 8
90% attendance of training

89.6%	90%	100%
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Currently 89.6% Goal 100%

Aircraft production as of Nov. 9
95% aircraft due date performance rate

100%	90%	100%
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Currently 100% Goal 90%

Lost work day injuries as of Nov. 9
50% reduction from fiscal 04

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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- Maximum lost work days due to injury before losing goal day, 15
- Current days lost, 1

Foreign Object Damage as of Nov. 9
50% reduction from fiscal 04

1	2	3	4	5
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- Maximum FOD incidents before losing goal day, 4
- Current days lost, 1

Green means goal day is being met or exceeded.
Yellow means goal has not been met, but is still attainable.
Red means goal cannot be met.

Trimming the turkey



First graders at Robins Elementary celebrated Thanksgiving Friday by making pinecone turkeys, Native American necklaces and shirts, and miniature cornucopias. Pictured, Karla Buford puts finishing touches on her pinecone turkey while sporting her new shirt and necklace. See Page 3B for more Robins Elementary Thanksgiving pictures.

Force shaping briefings held at Robins

Lieutenants encouraged to consider alternative careers

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The Air Force is cutting its junior officer corps, and those at Robins' were told to have a 'Plan B.'

"These are tough times," said Brig. Gen. Kathleen D. Close. "Force shaping doesn't just involve lieutenants, it affects families and involves some difficult decision making."

General Close brought the Air Force Materiel Command



U.S. Air Force photo by 2ND LT. SEQUOIYA L. FRANKS
1st Lt. Herman Fedrick asks a question about force shaping at the "Spread the Word" briefing at the base theater Nov. 3.

Force Shaping Team to Robins Nov. 3 to deliver a "Spread the Word" briefing to all lieutenants, their supervisors and family members.

► see FSB, 2A

Center leaders share vision

Requirements Symposium brings together industry and government representatives

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Warner Robins Air Logistics Center leaders shared their vision of the future and presented their mission requirements for the next two years with more than 900 government and industry representatives at the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce Aerospace Industry Committee Requirements Symposium Nov. 8 and 9.

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Robins exceeds CFC goal by 10 percent

By HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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Robins puts its heart into all it does – and this year's Combined Federal Campaign was no different.

The base exceeded its \$1.3 million goal in the 2005-2006 CFC, 'Where the Heart is...in Every One of Us,' by collecting \$1.4 million in contributions from base employees.

Kevin Bowen, 2005-2006 Local Federal Coordinating Committee chairman for CFC, said this year's campaign was the most successful for the base.

► see CFC, 2A

Tax Center needs volunteers for upcoming season

By HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD
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The Base Tax Center is giving military members a chance to help each other this tax season.

The Center, located on the second floor of Building 905, electronically filed taxes for more than 5,000 active-duty and retired military members last year, thanks to the help of fellow military volunteers.

Jakki Brown, Base Tax Center manager with the Base Legal Office, said the center, which provides tax filing services to active-duty military and retired military families free of charge, needs volunteers to help

its customers this tax season.

"We offer a one-week course to our volunteers that is taught on base by the Internal Revenue Service," she said. "I also teach computer classes on base to help them gain the skills they need to electronically prepare taxes."

Military volunteers should expect to donate 16-20 hours each week, with prior approval of their supervisors through their first sergeants.

Ms. Brown, who prepared taxes for a nationally known tax service for nearly three years prior to joining Robins, said the service helps Airmen save money and gain valuable skills at the same time.

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THINK SAFETY

AIRMEN AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING

To request a ride, call 335-5218, 335-5238 or 335-5236.

SLOW DOWN ► 810 speeding tickets have been issued to date. Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

WEATHER FORECAST

Courtesy of 78th OSS/OSW

TODAY 54/34		THURSDAY 65/46		FRIDAY 58/39	
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SYMPOSIUM

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The event – held at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter in Perry – gives insight into future programs at Robins allowing aerospace industries and businesses to plan for changing requirements and meet the future needs of the war fighter.

Frank Feild, Warner Robins Area Chamber president said the chamber’s Aerospace Industry Committee and the Center worked hard to make the symposium a unique and premier event. “We’re confident that attendees will be pleased with it and leave convinced that it was time well spent,” he said.

The primary purpose of the symposium was to enhance communication and understanding of

WHAT TO KNOW

The Requirements Symposium was sponsored by the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce’s Aerospace Industry Committee, the Center’s command section, the Contracting Directorate and other Center organizations.

the current and future needs of the broad range of customers served by the Center.

Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, said the reason for attending the symposium should be evident.

“You’re here today for one reason and one reason only,” he said. “That reason is to provide combat capability and put it in the hands of the war fighter, period. That’s what this requirements sympo-

sium is all about. It’s about our country and our ability to fight the global war on terrorism and what Warner Robins Air Logistics center brings to that fight through its partnering relationships with industry.”

He also discussed the deadliness of inefficiencies within the Department of Defense and how to, as a team with one focus, eliminate them by bringing new technologies and capabilities, field them rapidly, sustain them at a cost that our government can afford so our nation can continue to fight the war on terrorism. He also discussed the importance of partnering.

Col. Brad Heithold, Center vice commander, gave the Center overview.

“I’m going to give you the 30,000-foot view and the folks who follow me will get you down

to about a 10,000-foot view and the breakout sessions that you will attend later will get you down to about a 500-foot-level,” he said during his presentation.

The vice commander also discussed what the Center does, how it is organized to perform that mission, and how industry can help it get to where it wants to be. He went on to share some of the successful partnering initiatives in place and talk about how to do more of that.

The symposium also included presentations, a government and industry panel discussion and breakout sessions. Those in-depth discussions focused on specific target areas of opportunity that define requirements and challenges currently, and for next two years, experienced by Center managed weapon systems and commodities.

TAX

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“One of the main benefits is that it’s free,” she said. “Usually, if they go off base, a good portion of their tax return is taken in fees. We offer electronic filing for free.”

Mike Shutter, General Law chief for the Base Legal Office, said volunteering at the center helps the Air Force family.

“For servicemembers, particularly the young and lower-ranking individuals, it’s great to electronically file your taxes,” he said. “There are so many benefits to it, but the ones most people like are that they get their money quicker and it’s direct-deposited into their accounts.”

Robins was the first Air Force base to provide electronic tax filing to its members. Mr. Shutter said volunteers reap the rewards of their work.

“When you do this, you’re helping your military family and it’s good experience,” he said. “You’re going to become wiser about filing your own taxes, whenever you file taxes for other people.”

Lt. Col. Nathan Berman, the Base Legal Office’s staff judge advocate, said tax center volunteers help Airmen save more than \$300,000 in tax preparation fees each year.

“If you go to an outside

TO VOLUNTEER

The Base Tax Center is looking for military volunteers to assist the center with electronic tax filing for active-duty military, retired military and their family members during the upcoming tax season.

For more information, contact Jakki Brown, Base Tax Center manager, at 222-0561 or 926–2635, or visit the office in Building 905, 2nd floor, above the library.

tax preparation service, they might not have the details on deployments and extensions specific to the military, like combat zone exclusions,” he said. “Military members can call the tax center, as a resource, and get these basic answers to help them file their taxes.”

Colonel Berman said in addition, tax preparation volunteers get the satisfaction of knowing they’ve helped Airmen save thousands of dollars in tax preparation fees.

“There’s a special need for lower ranking officers and enlisted servicemembers to get this assistance,” he said. “So, by helping fellow enlisted noncommissioned officers in charge and commissioned officers, you’re helping your Air Force family. I don’t think there’s any better thing you can do to help Team Robins.”

FSB

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Effective this fiscal year, the Air Force is instituting annual force shaping boards at the three-year point of an officer’s commissioned service as part of the force management program. The purpose of the board is to right size and right shape the year groups.

This is a result of the Air Force taking in thousands of people without regard to the required skill sets in response to a recruiting and retention problem during the late 1990s. Now, there are several career fields over-manned, while others suffer shortages.

Active duty line officers commissioned in the calendar years 2002 or 2003 who are in unbal-

anced career fields, are eligible for the FSB in April. Those with at least 15 years of total active military service, or less than two years as of the extended active duty date will not meet the board.

“It makes me nervous,” said 1st Lt. Herman Fedrick, a personnel officer for the 78th Mission Support Group and a 2002 graduate. “I know I’ve done my best, but it’s just hard trying to deal with possible involuntary separation after almost 14 years of service.”

His wife, 1st Lt. Soynae Fedrick, is a 2003 graduate and has 15 years of service so she will not be considered for the board.

“It’s very stressful, but we are being proactive about this, so I know we’ll be OK,” she said.

General Close urged lieu-

tenants to take the FSB seriously and consider alternative career plans immediately.

“You all are a competitive group and when compared to your civilian peers, have impressive skills that are very marketable,” he said.

Officers eligible for the FSB have the option to voluntarily separate until March 1. Those who choose to meet the board and are not selected for retention will have a mandatory separation date of Sept. 29, 2006. Requests to extend separation dates will not be an option except in the best interest of the Air Force or a unique personal hardship.

There is currently no authority to provide separation pay to members who voluntarily separate or are involuntarily separated who

have less than six years of service. Transition assistance is available at the Family Support Center here, which is designed to deliver the information and skills needed to make a successful shift into the civilian sector.

Separation options available include Blue-to-Green which is a transfer to the Army, PALACE CHASE which transfers members to the Guard or Reserve, cross-training opportunities and others. Most of these options allow waiving payback for some bonuses and education costs.

Editor’s note: For detailed information on the timeline for the force shaping board and how it will be conducted visit the Air Force Personnel website at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsep/forceshaping.

CFC

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“Our goal was \$1.3 million, and we’ve exceeded it, so far, by more than 10 percent,” he said. “It has been a phenomenal year.”

Even though the six-week campaign recently ended, Mr. Bowen said incoming contributions could raise the final tally.

VICTORY LUNCH

Robins will hold its Combined Federal Campaign victory celebration, including a barbecue lunch, at Robins Park, Tuesday. All commanders, directors, CFC monitors and key workers may attend.

“We’ve definitely seen people reach deep to give what they could to help those in need,” he said.

“Once again, Team Robins has embraced ‘People First, Mission Always,’ by giving to charitable organizations in our community and throughout the world.”

Col. Greg Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing commander, said he is proud of Robins’ success in the campaign.

“I knew people at Robins had big hearts, and the tremendous success of this year’s Combined

Federal Campaign has proven that,” he said. “We asked our folks to give all they could, and they did just that and more. I’m thankful that we have people out here who care about people as much as they care about our mission.”

About 40 organizations met their own CFC goals in the early weeks of the campaign, which kicked off Sept. 29.

“We had a great start and it

continued throughout the campaign,” said Mr. Bowen. “I want to thank the monitors and key workers, as well as their commanders and directors, for supporting this CFC and making it such a success. I also want to thank all of the contributors, because without them, it wouldn’t have happened.”

Robins will continue collecting contributions until Wednesday.

► CORRECTION

An article in the Nov. 18 issue of The Robins Rev-Up entitled “Trick Pony, John Popper and Patriot Cheerleaders to sign autographs on Monday,” should have been attributed to Air Force Reserve Command News Service.

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Nice doggie



U.S. Air Force photo by AIRMAN SCOTT ALDRIDGE
LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFPN) -- Harry, a Dutch shepard, drags Staff Sgt. Brian Wilson out of a car during a training exercise. The 1st Security Forces Squadron dog handler and Harry -- and other squadron Airmen -- trained Nov. 16 on the procedures security forces use during a high-risk traffic stop. Harry is one of 10 squadron working dogs going through the training.

It’s Thanksgiving – have fun but remember your Wingman

Holiday times can be stressful, especially for those celebrating alone

HANSCOM AIR FORCE BASE, Mass. (AFMCNS) - This week many of us will be spending some quality time with our families, enjoying delicious foods, Thanksgiving Day parades, football games and a well-deserved day off!

We have much to be thankful for: our thriving democracy, a secure and prosperous nation and the blessings of family and friends. Thanksgiving allows us an opportunity to reflect on how truly lucky we, as Americans, are.

Let us pause to reflect on and give thanks for the sacrifices that the men and women of our armed forces make daily on our behalf. They are working around the world to ensure our great nation and its citizens continue to benefit from the liberty,

security and prosperity we enjoy daily.

In keeping with the spirit of Thanksgiving, remember your Wingman. Although looking out for each other during this holiday season should be a top priority, let’s also not forget the family members of those who are deployed.

The holidays can be stressful and separation from our loved ones or financial concerns can weigh heavily on our minds. Keep your eyes open for tell-tale signs of any behavior that seems out of the ordinary.

Showing someone you care can be as easy as asking your co-worker how they are doing, inviting someone over for Thanksgiving dinner, providing a meal for our mission-essential personnel who are working during the holidays or even a simple phone call to show you are thinking of them and care.

Remember, we are all about Airmen taking care of Airmen. Be sure to do all you can to prevent a drinking-and-driving

accident from tragically destroying the lives of people around you. Practicing safe driving habits and wearing your seatbelts are a must for the winter season.

We’re all in this together and should be looking out for each other. The holiday season is the time of year when Wingmen are most needed. If you see someone who has been drinking or is too tired and shouldn’t be driving home after a party, do the right thing and call them a cab. Always look out for your Wingman. Keep an eye over your shoulder; you just might save their life.

So take time to be with your family and enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday, but also reflect on how truly fortunate we are. Most especially, do everything possible to ensure we all enjoy a safe and happy holiday season.

This commentary was written by Col. Nick Zallas, Individual Mobilization Augmentee to the 66th Air Base Wing Commander.

Air Force leaders send Thanksgiving message

WASHINGTON (AFP) — *The following is a Thanksgiving message from Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley:*

“Thanksgiving is a special day for Americans to gather with family and friends and appreciate all our nation has to offer.

“Whether fighting the Global War on Terror, providing disaster relief around the globe, or defending our country here at home, Airmen cannot always be with their families at this special time. However, the American people are truly thankful those Airmen are on the front lines,

defending our rights and freedoms.

“Because of the skill, hard work, dedication, and sacrifice of the active duty, Guard, Reserve and civilians – America is safe.

“For that service and dedication, we are thankful. We are

thankful for each of you who serve, at home and abroad. We are thankful for the support your families give you – allowing you to make the U.S. Air Force the best in the world.

“We’re incredibly proud of you and your families. Happy Thanksgiving.”

and guidance during the transition.

The greater ranges in salary and levels of responsibility afforded with the pay band structure within NSPS will provide both supervisors and employees more opportunities for career growth and advancement. In addition, there will be a greater ability to affect supervisors and employees pay through their level of performance. NSPS is a pay-for-performance system in which supervisors' and employees' pay will be determined based on their performance.

For additional information on NSPS, please go to the Robins Homepage and click on the NSPS logo. Also, if your organization has not received the NSPS Overview, please contact Rosalind Overton, WRALC/CCN, at 926-4023 to schedule a date and time.

Rosalind ‘Roz’ Overton, NSPS transition assistant, will address employees’ NSPS concerns in the Robins Rev-Up each week. For more information, call Ms. Overton at 926-4023 or visit the NSPS link at www.robins.af.mil.



Rosalind ‘Roz’ Overton is a National Security Personnel System transition assistant.

Military justice

During the period of Nov. 17 – Nov. 21, no members of Robins Air Force Base received non-judicial punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

There were no administrative discharges under the rapid airman discharge program processed during this time period.

– 78th Air Base Wing Legal Office



Col. Greg Patterson
78th Air Base Wing commander

Commander’s Action Line

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible:

- Security Forces 327-3445;
- Services Division 926-5491;
- EEO Office 926-2131;
- MEQ 926-6608;
- Employee Relations 926-5802;
- Military Pay 926-3777;
- IDEA 926-2536;
- Base hospital 327-7850;
- Civil engineering 926-5657;
- Public Affairs 926-2137;
- Safety Office 926-6271;
- Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline 926-2393;
- Housing Office 926-3776.

This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 or for the quickest response, e-mail one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account, use action.line@robins.af.mil. Readers can also visit https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/action-line.htm. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up. Anonymous action lines will not be processed.

MDG, SFS, CE kudos

I would venture to say the majority of your Action Lines received are complaints. Kudos are the case in our story. We felt it would be a good eye-opener for our work force and prove that Wingman events do help.

The morning of Aug. 27 started off like a normal workday; however, that was soon to change for our office. At about 9 a.m. I was approached by a lady saying someone in the upstairs restroom in Building 905 was looking for me. Two of us immediately went upstairs to find one of our coworkers in distress.

To make a long story short, we called 911 and they in turn dispatched the Base Fire Department and Houston County Medical Center ambulance. A Security policeman was first on the scene. The fire department showed up immediately after the policeman. Our fire department paramedics were instrumental ensuring our coworker was receiving the best attention possible until the ambulance arrived. Everything seemed to happen so fast.

We do not know how long our coworker was waiting for someone to help her. We learned a valuable lesson that Friday; we realized that it is very important to know the whereabouts of our coworkers all the time - part of emphasizing Wingman support.

We do not know the lady who alerted our office. Unfortunately, we did not have time to ask her name, but I would like everyone to know that she took the extra effort to locate one of us and we sincerely appreciate what she did - kudos to her, our Security police, our fire department and Houston County Medical Center. Team effort is what it is all about. Our co-worker is on the mend.

Colonel Patterson's Reply

Thank you for taking the time to mention this example of outstanding service from a number of my base agencies. As you stated, I receive many negative Action Lines, and it certainly is a joy to pass on kudos from one of the many hundreds of folks each year which are served by Robins emergency first responders in a competent and professional manner.

Your story is an excellent example of the Wingman concept and how critical it can be in day-to-day activity. You made my job a little more satisfying today. I'm sure we are both proud to be a part of Team Robins.

Luna Lake drained for repairs

By **HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD**
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A ruptured drainpipe recently prompted 78th Civil Engineers and the 78th CE Group’s Environmental Management Division to plan for repairs and a new drainage system for Luna Lake.

The Nov. 2 incident caused the lake, used for fishing and canoeing near the family campground, to lose about 20 percent of its water.

Bob Sargent, Natural and Cultural Resource manager here, said the base is weighing the costs of repairs.

“We’re looking at installing a new embankment and drainage structure that will allow us to manipulate the water levels of the lake,” he said. “We’re looking at possibly adding a lining to the lake that will allow us to fertilize the lake, enhancing the lake’s basin for fisheries.”

Fish, turtles and other creatures in the lake have been transferred to other lakes on base, Dr. Sargent said. The fish were collected using a fine mesh seine net used to corral fish. One person anchored the net on shore while another took the other end and pulled it through the water in an arch.

WHAT TO KNOW

Luna Lake will remain drained until further notice. Scout Lake and Duck Lake are available for recreation activities. For more information, call Bob Sargent at 926-1197 extension 119.

The seine net was then closed like a purse and the fish were transported. Dr. Sargent said as the water went down many of the turtles just crawled off.

Paul Kelley, 78th CEG’s Operations chief, said once the environmental evaluation is

complete, crews will fill the former drainage pipe with concrete and install a new siphon-type overflow system to replace the old drain in the future.

“We’re working as fast as we can to get the lake back up,” he said. “We know it’s a recreational area, and we’re doing what we can to get it back up for people.”

In the meantime, Dr. Sargent said people are encouraged to use Duck Lake and Scout Lake for their recreational needs.

Luna Lake, which holds more than one million gallons of water, has been a source of water recreation for the base since 1967.

FEMA seeks volunteers for Hurricane Katrina relief

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, many personnel flexibilities and initiatives have been established to help those affected by the storm.

Federal civilian employees who can be spared from their primary missions now have an opportunity to volunteer their services to the Federal Emergency Management Agency or FEMA.

Although policy letters have been disseminated, some questions continue. To ensure greater awareness this article provides the highlights.

Employees wishing to volunteer must obtain approval through their chain of command up to their wing commander or staff officer.

According to Sherry Josey, Workforce Effectiveness Division lead employee relations specialist, FEMA will choose from and train civilian volunteers who will serve for periods ranging from 14 to 30 days.

“FEMA has advised that all

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

For more information on the FEMA program and a copy of the volunteer request form and submission instructions, employees should refer to Civilian Personnel Memo, Oct. 12 2005, Hurricane Katrina Federal Employee Volunteer Program — FEMA.

Questions concerning the FEMA Volunteer Program or excused absence should be directed to a servicing Employee Relations Specialist at 926-5802 or 926-0677.

volunteers should understand that they will be expected to work long hours under very harsh conditions, live in primitive situations without electricity, and may experience potential dangers to their health and well-being,” she said. “It will be hard, but rewarding, work. Volunteers must have an active government travel card and will be carried in a TDY status.”

In addition to opportunities to serve through FEMA, Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, has extended the normal parameters of excused absence to allow employees to assist in Hurricanes Katrina and Rita relief, rescue, and recovery efforts.

“General Collings wants to ensure that during this disaster humanitarian relief, rescue and recovery efforts are supported yet balanced in a manner which allows continued focus on the Center’s mission and current workload”, said Ms. Josey.

Through a Nov. 7, 2005, memo entitled “Excused Absences in Support of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita Relief, Rescue and Recovery Efforts,” the commander has authorized that excused absences up to a maximum of 10 workdays per calendar year be granted to volunteers to assist in the hurricane relief efforts, those who perform rescue and protective

work or a combination of both. Volunteers may be excused to perform relief duties in support of bonafide activities and organizations, such as the Salvation Army, local churches, the Red Cross and others who sponsor relief efforts of a humanitarian nature. Such duties may include packing and loading supplies, driving supplies to the impacted areas and providing care and comfort to the victims.

Emergency Management activity volunteers have normally been granted five days excused absence to perform rescue or protective work in local communities. Such local community work will be counted toward the maximum of 10 workdays of excused absence.

Requests for excused absence due to the hurricanes must be coordinated through the employee’s chain of command up to the squadron or branch level for approval and be supported by certification from the organization sponsoring their efforts.

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Engineering Directorate takes on standardizing configuration control boards

By LISA MATHEWS
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Earlier this year, the Engineering Advisory Board, which is made up of the chief engineers on base, determined that configuration management and the configuration control board was a top priority as an enterprise-wide initiative for the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center.

“The key issue is configuration management,” said Michael Hatcher, director of the Engineering Directorate. “This is a process by which we ensure we know what is out there for the war fighter to use. If it’s not managed well, then we don’t have the ability to know what the war fighter is using and, more than that, the war fighter doesn’t know what kind of performance he or she is going to

get. “It’s extremely important from a training perspective, from an operations perspective, from engineering and safety perspectives.

“If a bad component or bad process creates a situation with an airframe or subsystem, our ability to be able to know how we’re going to react to it and fix it is contingent upon our confidence that when we fix it in one, we’re fixing it in all of them,” said Mr. Hatcher.

Three Lean events followed in which a group mapped out the various processes that were in place and determined a configuration control board standard process to be used center-wide.

Members of the 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing, the 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing and the Engineering

Directorate took part in the events.

Maj. Tim Oldenburg, deputy of the F-15 Engineering Division of the 330th Fighter Sustainment Group, said the merging of ideas from across the wings gave all organizations the chance to input information and suggestions for the standardization of the processes.

The need for the standardization became apparent with the activation of the wing system at the Center, said Eric Jones, chief of the Systems Engineering Branch of EN. Mr. Jones was the lead for the Lean events.

He used the 542nd CSW as an example of the importance of the system.

“Mr. (John) Blair is in charge of the 542nd CSW now. He has what used to be five different directorates. Even though they

are doing things 80 percent the same way, he still needs to see the same thing every time so he can build standardization,” said Mr. Jones.

“Also, he might want to move someone from one group to another and not have that person learn a new process.

“When we get standardization and organization, in the long run, we hope that by maintaining the configuration control board we don’t have mistakes that could lead to loss of equipment or loss of life,” he added.

Terri Sikes, a configuration management specialist within the 542nd CSW, said that regardless of the product – whether aircraft, software, support equipment or avionics – the process to manage configuration changes is basically the same.

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Thanksgiving Hours

Facilities open

- Base Library, today from 10 a.m. – 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon – 5 p.m.
- Base Restaurant, except for snack bars, close at 1 p.m.today
- Enlisted Club, Friday at 4 p.m.
- Fitness Center, Friday from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Flight Line Kitchen, normal hours of operation
- Lodging, normal hours of operation
- Officers’ Club, Friday at 6 p.m.
- Wood Shop, today
- Wynn Dining Facility, Thursday for breakfast from 6 – 8 a.m., Thanksgiving meal from 11 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., military personnel from 2:10 – 4 p.m. and midnight breakfast from 11 p.m. – midnight
- Youth Center, today from noon – 6 p.m.

Facilities closed

- Aero Club, administration and sales closed Thursday and Friday
- Arts & Crafts Center, Thursday and Friday
- Auto Hobby Shop, Thursday through Sunday
- Base Library, Thursday
- Base Restaurant, Thursday and Friday
- Bowling Center, Thursday and Friday
- Child Development Center East & West, Thursday and Friday
- Enlisted Club, Thursday
- Family Child Care, Thursday and Friday
- Fitness Center, Thursday
- Flight Line Facility (fast food), today through Monday
- Food Service office, Thursday and Friday
- Golf Course, Thursday
- Honor Guard/Mortuary Affairs/Readiness, Thursday and Friday (answering machine will be checked every 2 hours)
- Human Resource office, Thursday and Friday
- Information, Tickets and Travel, Thursday and Friday
- Japanese Grill, closed Nov. Thursday and Friday
- Marketing, Thursday and Friday
- Nature Center, Thursday and Friday
- Pizza Depot, Nov. Thursday through Sunday
- Rental Center, Thursday and Friday
- Resource Management office NAF, Thursday and Friday
- Skeet Range, Thursday and Friday
- Smith Community Center, Thursday through Saturday
- Teen Center, Thursday through Saturday
- Vet services, Thursday and Friday
- Wood Shop, Thursday through Saturday
- Youth Center, Thursday through Saturday

Check out the Robins Rev-up online at www.robins.af.mil/pa/revup-online/index.htm

Band performs free holiday concert

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Public Affairs

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, GA.— The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve, under the direction of Capt. Chad Steffey, will present a free holiday concert at the Warner Robins Civic Center on Dec. 8. Sponsored by The (Macon) Telegraph and the city of Warner Robins, this year’s program features music from the band’s annual holiday Radio

Show, “Holiday Notes from Home.” The holiday fanfare will include a mixture of traditional holiday carols and novelty segments including a setting of T’was the Night Before Christmas, complete with illustrations by Houston County third-grade students. The concert begins at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public but tickets are required. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis by sending in a self-

addressed, stamped envelope with the coupon request form found in The Telegraph, the Buyers’ Guide and The Robins Rev Up. “Throughout this past year, the band has literally been around the world entertaining our deployed troops on five continents,” said Captain Steffey, music director and commander of the band. “We’re thrilled to be back home for the holidays and share this gift of music with our friends and family of Middle Georgia.”

Volunteers needed to ring Salvation Army bells

The Salvation Army needs volunteer bell ringers for the red kettle drive. Military, civilians and family members are welcome to volunteer. This year, all of the wings have been assigned a week to ring the bell. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact his or her unit’s wing point of contact to sign up. The wing POCs are as follows:

- Nov. 17 – 26: 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing – 1st Lt. Aaron Taylor, aaron.taylor@robins.af.mil.
- Nov. 28 – Dec. 3: 402nd Maintenance Wing – 1st Lt. Chad Parks, chad.parks@robins.af.mil.
- Dec. 5 – 10: 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing – Elisabeth Taggart, elisabeth.taggart@robins.af.mil.
- Dec. 12 – 17: 78th Air Base Wing – 1st Lt. Steven Wymore, steven.wymore@robins.af.mil
- 5th Combat Communications Group – Chief Master Sgt. Karl Griffin, karl.griffin@robins.af.mil
- Dec. 19 – 23: 116th Air Control Wing – Capt. Joseph Washington, joseph.washington@garobi.ang.af.mil.
- 19th Air Refueling Group – MSgt Michael “Stu” Sturick, michael.sturick2@robins.af.mil.

One-to-two people are needed per hour at the Kmart on Watson Boulevard, 6 – 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Saturdays, and at Kroger on Watson Boulevard, 6 – 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Saturdays. The drive runs through Dec. 23 and all proceeds go to local Christmas assistance efforts. The base POC for this year’s Red Kettle Drive is 2nd Lt. Charlynda Nyenke. She may be contacted at 926-6880 or charlynda.nyenke@robins.af.mil. This community service is provided by Robins personnel to the Salvation Army, and is in no way sanctioned by the Air Force.

Noncommissioned Officer Academy has opening

Currently there is an opening for the Robins Noncommissioned Officer Academy. Class dates are Feb. 21 through March 30.

Who can attend?

Civilians in the ranks of GS-6 – GS-11, WS-1 – WS-10, WG-9 – WG 12, WL-1 – WL-6, those who supervise or will soon supervise military and first or second level supervisors are encouraged.

Benefits for attending include but are not limited to:

- Educational credits from the Community College of the Air Force
- Professional education in the areas of Leadership, Communication, and Profession of Arms
- Unique insight into the Air Force Profession of Arms from an enlisted perspective
- Improved promotion opportunity
- Enhanced abilities to lead, develop, and manage the careers of enlisted troops
- Camaraderie with a diverse cadre of professionals serving in broad range of specialties
- Contributes to Total Force development, as the value of enlisted and civilian contributions to mission accomplishment are highlighted/discussed by those actually serving in the capacity
- Opportunity to develop and participate in a structured fitness program

Contact your Unit Training Manager for more information. Application deadline is Dec. 9.

Toys for Team Robins accepting donations

The 26th annual Toys for Team Robins toy drive hosted by the 19th Air Refueling Group Black Knights has begun, and will continue through Dec. 17. This program supports all of Robins Air Force Base, military and civilian, by providing toys for those who may have a little difficulty providing their children with toys during the holiday season. Toy donations can be made through unit points of contact or first sergeants. Donations should be a new unwrapped toy. Anyone wish-

► IN BRIEF

TUSKEGEE AIRMEN INC. SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

The Maj. Gen. Joseph A. McNeil Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen Incorporated, a private organization that functions at Robins, is seeking new members. The organization is engaged in a continuing membership campaign and informational program with focus on increasing community awareness of the Tuskegee Airmen Legacy – a legacy that significantly includes Middle Georgia. Two original Tuskegee Airmen, Richard and Moses Davis, a pilot and an aircraft mechanic, were born and raised in Fort Valley. Membership is open to anyone who supports the aims and objectives of Tuskegee Airmen Inc. The chapter meets the third Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at Pine Oaks Golf Course. Annual membership cost is \$75 for officers and civilians, and \$40 for enlisted. Additionally, life membership is \$750, which may be paid in installments. For more information, contact Toledo J. Bradford Sr., president at (478)222-1864 or by e-mail at toledo.bradford@robins.af.mil.

► IN BRIEF

COMMISSARY SETS
THANKSGIVING HOURS

During the week of Thanksgiving, the commissary will be open today, and Friday from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. The commissary will be closed Thanksgiving, and will operate from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call Teena Standard at 926-3714.

ENERGY CLOSURE DAY
PLANNED FOR NOV. 25

An energy closure day is scheduled for all Air Logistics Center employees Friday. Civilian employees who have annual leave must take leave. Those employees who do not have annual leave may request LWOP or advanced leave, as appropriate.

Questions concerning advancing annual leave may be referred to your servicing Employee Relations Specialist at 926-0677 or 926-5802. For more information, contact April Haskins at 926-0677.

WORK FORCE SEMINAR
SCHEDULED

The Middle Georgia Chapter of National Contract Management Association will host a “Multi-Generational Work force Seminar” Dec. 7 at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar, from 7 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Featured speaker is Rita Murray, author of “Survive and Thrive in a Multi-Generational World.” The targeted audience for this seminar is supervisors; however, everyone is invited. Check-in starts at 6:30 a.m.

Civilian Personnel has funded 500 slots for supervisors base-wide. DPE will send allocations through Education Training Management System, and is asking all training monitors to nominate their supervisors no later than Nov. 18. Training monitors are asked to make sure each attendee, once nominated, completes a registration form. The attendee will need to fill out the registration form and mail it with the registration fee of \$7 to the address provided on the registration form. The fee for persons not funded by DPE is

\$50. The \$50 registration fee includes Ms. Murray's workbook, refreshments and other associated costs.

For the registration package, visit <http://intranet.ncmahq.org/middlegeorgia/default.aspx>. For information, contact Mickie Cranford at mickie.cranford@robins.af.mil or Misty Holtz at misty.holtz@robins.af.mil.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Children of active-duty, Reserve, Guardsmen and retired military members will be allowed to apply for more than \$1,000 in scholarship money in the Scholarships for Military Children Program. Applicants must be unmarried and under 21 (23 if enrolled in school). Applicants must be enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database and should be enrolled in or planning to attend an accredited college or university on full-time student status for the fall 2006 term.

The program, which has awarded \$1,500 scholarships to nearly 2,500 children through the generosity of manufacturers and businesses that sell groceries in commissaries since its inception in 2000, will award at least one \$1,500 scholarship at each commissary location with qualified applicants.

Applications include an essay on why the applicant admires a great military leader (past or present), and must be turned in at the Commissary by close of business Feb. 22, by mail or in person. Faxed and e-mailed copies will not be accepted.

For more information, visit <http://www.militaryscholar.org> or via a link on the Defense Commissary Agency's Customer Service Web site at <http://www.commissaries.com>.

CUSTOMER FEEDBACK
SURVEY AVAILABLE SOON

The annual Air Force Customer Feedback Survey will be delivered soon to Robins and given randomly to individuals throughout the base. The survey is used to measure customer satisfaction, quality of service, quality of facilities, quality of equipment and materials, value for price paid, and an overall

assessment of at least 20 of the division’s major programs. This survey is easy to complete, has a self-addressed envelope and requires no postage. Customers who take the time to answer the survey provide input that will have a major impact on future Services programs. The survey data is presented in a software program and by using it, managers are able to enhance programs, improve service, and make optimal use of their resources to benefit Services customers.

Customers wanting more information on the survey may call Services Marketing at 926-5492.

MPF TO CLOSE DEC. 2, 9

The military personnel flight will be closed the afternoons of Dec 2 and 9 for a records audit.

As a reminder, the MPF operating hours are:

- Mondays: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Tuesdays through Fridays: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Walk-In Hrs: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The MPF will be closed Thursday and Friday to observe the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Customer service information for the MPF:

- Please arrive as early as possible on the day you are requesting your Common Access Card card. Customers

are asked to be patient as production of just one CAC card can take 15-20 minutes on average.

► The MPF now has one of our DEERs stations dedicated to our retiree and family member population in the Warner Robins area. This will speed up the production of retiree and family member appointments and free up space and access to our MPF for CAC appointments.

► If possible, call ahead for a CAC appointment at 327-7361. Once the phone answers, press 1, then 2 and speak to a MPF representative to schedule an appointment. The MPF processes those who call ahead for appointments first. Everyone else will be seen in a first-come-first-served basis.

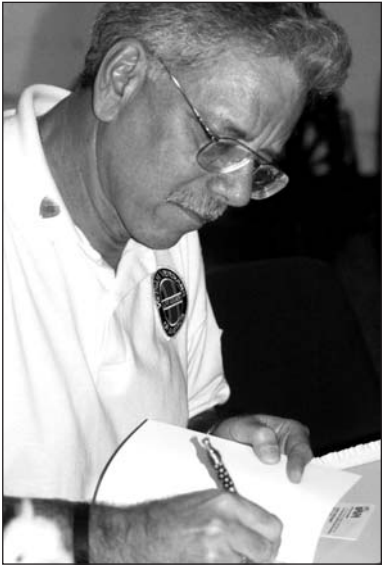
HANGAR TALK
SCHEDULED

The Museum of Aviation will present its monthly Hangar Talk with the film "TORA! TORA! TORA!" on Monday, Nov. 28, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the VistaScope Theater, located on the first floor of the Eagle Building. This presentation correlates with Veterans Appreciation Month.

Hangar Talks are always free and open to the public. For more information, contact Heather Fasciocco at (478) 926-6870 or visit www.museumofaviation.org.

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Museum of Aviation celebrates 21st birthday with book signing, exhibit



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Above and left: Bob Bovitch signs his book “Reflections from the Life of a Vietnam Veteran” Nov. 14 in conjunction with the Museum of Aviation’s 21st birthday.



Left: Jan Collings cuts the cake for the museum’s 21st birthday Nov. 14.

Below: Senior Master Sgt. Eric Miller looks at the new exhibit that opened Nov. 14 titled “Total Force: the Workers behind Robins Air Force Base.”





KC-135 crash scenario

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Whirring helicopters, flashing amber lights and billowing smoke enveloped the scene of a “crashed KC-135” as emergency personnel, focused intently on their jobs, worked feverishly to save lives.

No, this scene was not the latest war-related casualty, it was the kickoff of exercise week for Robins.

The site of the crash was a Peach County pasture near Fort Valley State University where an incentive flight carrying 11 people on board, three crew members and eight personnel, went down Nov. 14.

Dozens of Peach County and Fort Valley emergency agencies participated along with base agencies to make the training more realistic for everyone involved.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP
Top: Peach County firefighters douse the flames at a simulated plane crash during the exercise Nov. 14.

Above: Henry Wilson, Peach County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management deputy director, and Forest Johnson, program analyst in the Robins Exercise Office, go over plans for the exercise.

Left: A victim is made up to convey severe wounds from the crash.

Right: An emergency response worker fills out a triage tag on a victim.

Below: Tech Sgt. Michelle Pate applies makeup to Airman 1st Class Letitia Nuelken before the simulated crash.

This is a test...

Exercise tests Team Robins' readiness

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Team Robins recently evaluated its readiness posture during a week-long exercise which allowed a top down view into how well base and community emergency agencies are prepared to handle a myriad of contingencies.

According to Col. Kenneth Sharpless, Center inspector general, the exercise gave the base a good look at its capability to respond quickly and decisively, with events ranging from an off-base KC-135 crash to on-base surges, security breaches and suspicious packages. Overall the exercise was a success.

“I think anytime you do something like this, regardless of the outcome, it’s successful because it opens your eyes to where your strengths and weaknesses lie,” he said. “I think for this particular

exercise, some events went extremely well and there were some where we need to go back to the drawing board to pinpoint our shortfalls. Obviously there are going to be holes, things we can improve, and that’s the purpose of exercise week.”

Forest Johnson, an exercise office program analyst agreed.

“There’s learning on both sides of it,” he said. “Some things go well; some don’t, but we’re better for having gone through it.”

The two agreed that because there will always be new people on board there’s no better way to train them than an exercise.

“We won’t do everything perfectly, but there are a lot of

smart people here who should be able to put their heads together and come up with appropriate training and the check list required to ensure everyone understands the mission requirement to meet any contingency or operation,” said the colonel.

Those needs, according to the exercise office, extend outside of the ALC as was shown in the Nov. 14 kickoff scenario.

“The purpose of the off-base portion of the exercise was to get our local friends involved because at any given time there could be an event like a crash where we have to work as a team with our local community,” said Colonel Sharpless. “It’s best to iron out some of the glitches beforehand in an exercise mode because time can become critical to saving lives and assets.”

Henry Wilson, Peach County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management deputy director, said it was a great learning experience for everyone involved.

“We hope something like this never happens, but this exercise has taught us a lot and if an event like this did occur we’d be able to do a much better job,” he said. “It gave us the opportunity to see where we are and where we need to improve.”

Air Force Materiel Command requires Robins to conduct at least one exercise per quarter.

“We worked with the wing commanders to see what kind of things they wanted to see in terms of testing their wing’s or unit’s response to a variety of different contingencies,” said the IG.



TODAY
A turkey trot run will be held at 7 a.m. in front of the Wellness Center. Register at the fitness center. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

THURSDAY
All active duty and retired military members and their families are invited to a traditional Thanksgiving meal at Wynn Dining Facility, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Items will be priced a la carte plus a surcharge on the total meal. Spouse and dependent children of active duty enlisted members in pay grades E-1 through E-4 are not required to pay the surcharge. Essential messing (dorm residents) will not pay for their meals, but their family members and guests will pay the standard rate. Military members who do not live in the dorms are asked to notify the dining hall no later than Nov. 18 if planning to dine so food may be prepared accordingly. For a look at the menu, visit the Services Web site at www.robins.af.mil/services go to Food Service and click on the Thanksgiving menu. For more information call Wynn Dining at 926-6596 or 923-7307.

FRIDAY
Enjoy Thunder Alley glow-in-the-dark bowling every Friday and Saturday, 9 - 11 p.m. at Robins Lanes Bowling Center. Friday is family night, 12 years and younger bowl for \$5, 13 and older bowl for \$10. On Saturday everyone bowls for \$10 per person. Cost includes all the games participants can bowl in two hours and shoes. For more information call the bowling center at 926-2112.

SATURDAY
Come golf on weekends after 1 p.m. for \$20. Cost includes green and cart fee. For more information call Pine Oaks Golf Course at 926-4103.

A family golf special is held Saturdays after 3:30 p.m. Play nine-holes for only \$20. This includes cart and green fee for one adult and junior. Pay an additional \$6 for adults or \$5 for juniors. For more information call Pine Oaks Golf Course at 926-4103.

SUNDAY
The Officers' Club brunch is from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. with all-you-care-to-enjoy breakfast and dinner entrees. Cost is \$9.95 for members and \$11.95 for nonmembers. For more information, call 926-2670.

MONDAY
Family night bingo will be played at 6 p.m. in the Smith Community Center. Prizes will include motor cars, sport equipment, outdoor games, electronic games and family games. Cost is \$3 for 10 games. All children purchasing a package will receive a small gift. No one will go home empty-handed. For more information call civilian recreation at 926-1303.

Golf on Mondays and Tuesdays for only \$25. Includes green fee, cart fee and lunch. For more information call Pine Oaks Golf Course at 926-4103.

Twilight special is available Monday – Friday after 3:30 p.m. for \$14, or weekends and holidays after 3:30 p.m. for \$15. This includes green fee and golf car. Play as much as you can. For more information call the golf course at 926-4103.

TUESDAY
Morning Out, a new program, is available to provide quality care for children ages 19 months – 4 years old. Cost is \$60 per month per child and will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. – noon with a discount during the holiday months of November, December and March. For more information call the Child Development Center at 926-5805.

A lunch time special on the range is held Tuesdays and Thursday from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Cost is \$6 for all the range balls you can hit. For more information call the golf course at 926-4103.

WEDNESDAY
Wednesday is Ladies Day at Pine Oaks Golf Course. Cost is \$15 for golf car and green fee. For more information call the golf course at 926-4103.

UPCOMING
Give Parents a Break and Hourly Care will be available Dec. 2 from 6:30 – 10 p.m. at the Child Development Center East and School Age Program (unless otherwise posted). An advance \$6 nonrefundable deposit is required by Nov. 28 for hourly care. Cost is \$3 per child per hour for children 6 weeks to 12 years old. New enrollees must have up-to-date shot records for their children and complete required forms prior to making reservations. For more information, call 926-5805.

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Robins Rev-Up, wings should send information

Tops in Blue



The U.S. Air Force's Tops In Blue is offering a free night of family entertainment at the Museum of Aviation in the Century of Flight hangar Nov. 29 at 7 p.m.

U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON

Purchase your Wild Adventure annual passes for 2006 on Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Smith Community Center. Purchase a Wild Adventure Passport for \$58 (gate \$64.95); parking pass for \$21 (gate \$25) or a platinum pass for \$123 (gate \$129.95) includes parking, unlimited go-karts, sky-coaster ride, golf and discount on food. For more information call ITT at 926-2945.

A beautiful bag contest will be held Dec. 9 at the Smith Community Center with certificated awarded participation and winners. A variety of materials can be used to decorate the bags. Bring your bags to the community center by 5 p.m. Dec. 8. The beautiful bags will be on display in the community center ballroom Dec. 9 – 14. Decorated bags will then be used to make holiday food bags to be distributed to families in the Robins community. For more information call 926-2105.

The Arts & Crafts center will hold classes in youth acrylic painting Dec. 7, 14 and 21 from 4:30 – 6 p.m., cost \$5; adults acrylic painting Dec. 7, 14 and 21 from 6 – 8 p.m., cost \$10; encaustic art Dec. 6, 13 and 20 from 6 – 8 p.m., cost \$12.50; scroll saw and learn fret work Dec. 14 from 6 – 8 p.m., cost \$10; wood shop classes Tuesdays at 6 p.m. and do-it-yourself framing, Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Evenings and Saturdays framing classes by appointment only. Advance registration and payment is required for classes. Classes are subject to change and do not include supply and equipment costs. Auto shop safety and orientation is held every Wednesday at 6 p.m. and every Saturday at 11 a.m. free of charge. We will be having new classes starting in January. Look for stained glass, mosaic and digital photography. Call or come by to be put on our contact list. For more information, please call the Arts & Crafts center at 926-5282.

Walk those worries away with a holiday stress walk Dec. 9 at 11 a.m. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

Sign up now for a shopping trip to the Mall of Georgia in Buford, Dec. 10 with Information, Tickets and Travel. This shopping experience will include over 225 retailers including Dillard's, Rich's-Macy, JC Penney's, Lord & Taylor, Nordstrom and several food court restaurants. "Leave the driving and the high cost of gas to us," said Donna Smith, ITT manager. Cost is \$25 for Robins Officers' and Enlisted club members when they show their Members First Plus club card and \$30 for non-club members. The bus will depart from the parking lot across from the Smith Community Center at 8 a.m. and will return from the mall at 8 p.m. A minimum sign-up of 10 people is required for this trip. For more information, call ITT at 926-2945.

A Club Robins Winter Aerobathon will be held from 2 – 5 p.m. Dec. 11. Activities will include boot camp, core training, aqua-size, yoga stretch and more. For more information call 926-2128.

Come out to play in the physical training walleyball tournament scheduled for a 1:30 p.m. start Dec. 12 – 16. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

A holiday cookie project is scheduled for Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. Parents are encouraged to assist children with decorating holiday cookies and to enjoy the finished products. For more information, call the Arts &

Crafts Center at 926-5282. Practice your bowling skills from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Dec. 23. Bowl three games and shoe rental for \$5. For more information call the bowling center at 926-2112.

Come out Dec. 26 from 1 – 5 p.m. and bowl two games, order a regular hamburger or hot dog, fries and medium drink for \$6. For more information call the bowling center at 926-2112.

Enjoy Thunder Alley glow-in-the-dark bowling Dec. 28 from 2 – 4 pm. at the Robins Lanes Bowling Center. Cost includes all the games participants can bowl in two hours and shoes for \$7. For more information call the bowling center at 926-2112.

A fun time bowling competition will be held Dec. 30 at 6 p.m. Bowl four games (9-pin no tap, 3-6-9, scotch doubles and low ball) for a chance to win money and prizes. Cost is \$15 per person with a winner every game. For more information call the bowling center at 926-2112.

Celebrate New Year's Eve bowling with the family Dec. 31 at 9 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person and includes bowling, snacks and party. Children 11 years and younger bowl free when accompanied by a paying adult. For more information call the bowling center at 926-2112.

ONGOING
The Robins Enlisted club announces the latest winner, Mr. Patrick French WRALC/MAIECJ, in the Football Frenzy regular season game to watch San Diego Chargers play the Miami Dolphins in San Diego, Calif. Dec. 11. Mr. French will receive round trip airfare, hotel accommodations, rental car, game tickets and local attraction tickets for two. Also the enlisted club would like to congratulate Mr. Ken Howell, 402 AMXG/MXAAA, and winner of the Robins AFMC Texas Hold 'Em tournament. Mr. Howell also placed sixth in the AFMC Texas Hold 'Em tournament held at Wright-Patterson, Ohio. Call the enlisted club for complete details and contest rules at 925-4515.

The Information, Tickets and Travel office is selling movie ticket vouchers for the Georgia Theater Company and Amstar. Georgia Theater tickets will be good at either the Galleria Mall or Parkway Cinemas for \$6 and the Amstar on Zebulon Road in Macon for \$5. For more information call the ITT office at 926-2945.

Tickets for Atlanta Hawks versus Philadelphia 76ers are on sale now through Dec. 6. Game is scheduled for Dec. 23 at 7 p.m. in the Philips Arena in Atlanta. Cost is \$35 per person. For more information call ITT at 926-2945.

The Joint Forces Bingo, located in the east wing of the Enlisted Club, has new surprises and door prizes. Enter to win \$25 in free bingo just by playing. Participants can also draw for a friend to win a bingo buddy. Hours are Tuesday through Friday at 7:15 p.m. Games begin at 2:45 p.m. on Sundays. Enjoy bar bingo five nights a week at 6 p.m. Anyone with an active duty, Reserve, Guard, retired, Department of Defense or family member identification card is eligible to play. The entry fee is free to all Robins' club members, bona fide guests and active duty or retired widow club members, and \$5 for eligible non-club members. For more information call 926-4515 or Teresa Resta at 926-1303.

The annual holiday canned food drive

will be held through Dec. 13. Baskets will be made and delivered Dec. 15 and 16. To learn how you can help please call the Smith Community Center at 926-2105.

Ultimate Frisbee pick-up games are open to men and women of all skill levels. Bring cleats. For time and location call Ryan Stich at 222-4346.

Tickets for the 2006 Daytona 500 will be on sale until Dec. 23. Ticket packages include a Great American Race Weekend (one super stretch seat for Daytona 500 and Hershey's 300) for \$103.28 (regular \$162); All American Offer (one super stretch and one Daytona 500 hat) for \$102.25 (regular \$132) or Nextel Fanzone (pre-race pass) for \$75 (regular \$90). For more information call the ITT office at 926-2945.

Look for GO offers throughout 78th Services Division facilities Dec. 1 through Feb. 28. The GO program offers a variety of events, activities and discounts designed specifically for Robins' junior enlisted force. All E -1 through E – 4's and their immediate family members may take advantage of these programs. Your ID card is your entry to all special events and must be shown to receive special discounts. Make sure you carry your ID card. For more information call the Services Marketing Office at 926-5492.

Tickets for CATS at the Fox Theater, Atlanta, are now available for \$55 (orchestra level) at Information, Tickets and Travel. Showtime is set for at 2 p.m. Jan. 22. For more information, call ITT at 926-2945.

Now is the time to book your organization's golf outings and tournaments for 2006. For dates, times and great prices call the Pine Oaks Golf Course at 926-4103.

The Oscar's Amphitheatre is now available for weddings, retirement parties, meetings and classes at the nature center. Cost for rental is \$15 with a \$25 refundable deposit. For reservations and information call 926-4001.

New hunters to the base need to have a Georgia safe hunting license and a base hunting permit. Call 926-4001 to sign-up for the base hunter's safety course.

GO Orlando Cards are available at ITT. This card offers unlimited admission to more than 50 of Florida's top attractions plus savings on shopping and dining. Cost is \$90 adult/\$70 children for two-day pass; \$140 adult/\$115 children for three-day pass; \$195 adult/\$150 for five-day pass or \$250 adult/\$175 children for seven-day pass. For information call 926-2945.

Join the Enlisted or Officers' clubs between now and Nov. 30 and you could win a \$1,000 credit towards your club card account. For more information call the Enlisted Club, 926-4515, or Officers' Club, 926-2670.

Link Up 2 Golf at Pine Oaks Golf Course offers more than \$300 in savings for \$99 per person, and includes eight hours of instruction, club rental, free shirt and ball mark repair tool. The program will end with a three-hole graduation scramble. For more information, call 926-4103.

To have an item listed, send it to Amanda Smith at amanda.smith@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.

NOW PLAYING



Adult tickets are \$3.50; children 11 years old and younger tickets are \$2. Movies start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.

FRIDAY – CLOSED

SATURDAY
A History of Violence
Viggo Mortensen, Maria Bello

Tom is a loving family man and well-respected citizen of a small Indiana town. But when two savage criminals show up at his diner, Tom is forced to take action and thwart the robbery attempt. Suddenly heralded as a hero who took the courage to stand up to crime, people look up to Tom as a man of high moral regard. But all that media attention has the likes of mobsters showing up at his doorstep, charging that Tom is someone else they've been looking for. Is it a case of mistaken identity or does Tom have a history that no one knows about? R (brutal violence, graphic sexuality, nudity, language, and some drug use) 98 minutes.

SUNDAY
Wallace and Gromit: Curse of the Were-Rabbit
Peter Sallis, Helena Bonham-Carter

Wallace and Gromit are cashing in their humane pest-control outfit, "Anti-Pesto." With only days to go before the annual Giant Vegetable Competition, business is booming, but Wallace and Gromit are finding out that running a "humane" pest control outfit has its drawbacks as their West Wallaby Street home fills to the brim with captive rabbits. Suddenly, a huge, mysterious, veg-raging "beast" begins attacking the town's sacred vegetable plots at night, and the competition hostess, Lady Tottington, commissions Anti-Pesto to catch it and save the day. Rated G, 94 minutes.

UPCOMING
Elizabethtown
Orlando Bloom, Kirsten Dunst

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic
Catholic masses are held at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and at a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Islamic
Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

Jewish
Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Orthodox Christian
St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

Protestant
General services take place Sundays at 11 a.m. The service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and format. Protestant inspirational services take place Sundays at 8 a.m. Contemporary services take place 11 a.m. Sundays at the Base Theater. This service is informal and includes traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

to Amanda Smith at: amanda.smith@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks. Vickie Flynn, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command/DPTF, has been approved as an annual leave recipient. Point of contact is Mischa McNease, 327-1344.

Thanksgiving at Robins Elementary



First-graders at Robins celebrated Thanksgiving Friday by making pinecone turkeys, miniature cornucopias, and Native American necklaces and shirts. Above: Samantha Yanez puts finishing touches on her pinecone turkey.



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Above: Kenzie McMurray tries on her Native American necklace.

Right: Thanksgiving art lines the hallways at Robins Elementary.

Civilian health insurance, FSA open seasons end Dec. 12

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - The Office of Personnel Management has announced the smallest average premium increase in nine years for the 2006 Federal Employees Health Benefits Program open season, which opened Nov. 14 and ends Dec. 12.

The average increase for 2006 is 6.6 percent, although 80 percent of FEHB enrollees are currently covered by plans in which premiums will rise between 2.5 percent and 15 percent.

With the increase in overall plan choices to 279 and High Deductible Health Plans to 21, officials recommend employees review and update their health plans during the open season.

“Open season is the best time for employees to review their health care coverage, not only to make desired changes, but to ensure their plan hasn’t been altered or discontinued,” said Janet Thomas of the Benefits and Entitlements Service Team at the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph

Air Force Base. “Employees should also review the plan premiums for next year.”

All Air Force-serviced civilian employees will make their FEHB open season enrollments or changes by one of two methods:

— Employee Benefits Information System Web application, at http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST_GRB/EBIS.htm. Employees with self and family coverage or other insurance can use EBIS to submit their elections to enroll or change plans without having to speak with a counselor to complete the transaction. Another advantage of making an election via EBIS is employees can print a copy of Standard Form 2809, the health benefits election form, as soon as they complete the election.

— The BEST automated phone system at (800) 616-3775 for employees in the United States (press 2 for Air Force-serviced civilian, then 2 for BEST benefits and entitlements, and follow the prompts).

Hearing impaired employees may call the TDD line at (800) 382-0893, or commercial 565-2276 within San Antonio. Overseas employees will first dial the AT&T toll-free direct access number for the country they are in, then (800) 616-3775. Direct access numbers can be found on the Web at http://www.business.att.com/bt/dial_guide.jsp. Benefits counselors are available weekdays, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Central Standard Time.

For more information on the FEHB program, visit the BEST health insurance Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/fehb.htm>. Links to the 2006 FEHB guides and individual plan brochures will be placed on this Web page as they become available.

FSA Open Season

During this open season, eligible employees may also enroll in the Flexible Spending Account program for calendar year 2006. There are two types

of FSA accounts: the Health Care FSA and the Dependent Care FSA. FSA enrollment is conducted directly with SHPS Inc., the third party program administrator, via the FSAFEDS Web site at <https://www.fsafeds.com> or by calling toll-free, (877) 372-3337 or TDD (800) 952-0450.

Employees eligible to enroll in the FEHB program, even if not currently enrolled, are eligible to participate in the FSA program. However, employees who enroll in one of the high deductible health plans and are eligible for a Health Savings Account may not have a Health Care FSA account.

All employees with qualified dependents may enroll in a Dependent Care FSA except temporary employees with no fixed work schedule whose tour of duty is six months or less. Additional information on the FSA program is available on the BEST Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/fsa.htm> and the FSAFEDS Web site.

October re-enlistments

The following service members re-enlisted during the month of October. Re-enlistees should contact their first sergeant for AAFES Re-enlistment Appreciation Coupons.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Claudia Lowe at 222-0178.

Senior Airman Joseph Foresta
Senior Airman Lisa Lantz
Senior Airman Brandi Nation
Staff Sgt. Garrett Blake
Staff Sgt. Patrika Boone
Staff Sgt. Daniel Cowart
Staff Sgt. James Dock
Staff Sgt. Ron Dunn
Staff Sgt. Justin Esposito
Staff Sgt. Stephen Feathers Jr.
Staff Sgt. Christina Gamez
Staff Sgt. Robert Gerard Jr.
Staff Sgt. Clyde Hamilton Jr.
Staff Sgt. Kristopher Jones
Staff Sgt. Roderick Knox

Staff Sgt. Eric Lang
Staff Sgt. Cory Langel
Staff Sgt. Ricardo Rodriguez Perez
Staff Sgt. Kermit Rollins
Staff Sgt. Johnny Seay Jr.
Staff Sgt. Stephan Stidfole
Staff Sgt. Dorian Wilson
Tech Sgt. Gary Basham
Tech Sgt. Martin Chrisman
Tech Sgt. Bert Foster
Tech Sgt. Michael Sheehan
Tech Sgt. Cesar Stephenson
Tech Sgt. Denny Tankersley
Tech Sgt. Matthew Ward
Tech Sgt. Steven Winningham
Master Sgt. Roderick Capers
Master Sgt. Willie Harris
Master Sgt. Ricky Stocker
Master Sgt. Gregory Taylor
Master Sgt. David Voke
Master Sgt. Joseph Whitfield
Senior Master Sgt. Talmadge Hutchins Jr.
Senior Master Sgt. John Mooney

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CENTAF releases airpower summary

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFPN) – U.S. Central Command Air Forces officials released today’s airpower summary.

Coalition aircraft flew 40 close-air support missions Nov. 21 for Operation Iraqi Freedom. They included support to coalition troops, infrastructure protection, reconstruction activities and operations to deter and disrupt terrorist activities.

Coalition aircraft also supported Iraqi and coalition ground forces operations to create a secure environment for ongoing Transitional National Assembly meetings.

Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons flew a successful air strike near Salman Pak, dropping precision-guided bombs against an anti-Iraqi forces staging area and weapons cache.

Other Air Force F-16s pro-

vided close-air support to coalition troops in contact with anti-Iraqi forces near Al Hawijah.

In addition, 11 Air Force and Navy intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft flew missions in support of operations in Iraq.

In Afghanistan, coalition aircraft flew 21 close-air support missions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. They included support to coalition and Afghan troops, reconstruction activities and conduct of presence route patrols.

Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt IIs successfully flew an air strike near Deh Rawood, strafing an anti-coalition forces firing position and dropping a general purpose 500-pound bomb.

Air Force A-10s, F-16s and a B-52 Stratofortress and an MQ-1 Predator provided close-air support to coalition forces in

contact with insurgents near Asadabad, Deh Rawood, Jalalabad, Khowst and Tarin Kowt.

In addition, four Air Force ISR aircraft flew missions in support of operations in Afghanistan.

Air Force C-130 Hercules and C-17 Globemaster IIIs provided intra-theater heavy airlift support, helping sustain operations throughout Afghanistan, Iraq and the Horn of Africa. They flew more than 145 airlift sorties, delivered nearly 230 tons of cargo and transported more than 2,000 passengers.

Coalition C-130 crews from Australia, Canada, Japan and South Korea flew in support of either OIF or OEF.

On Nov. 20, Air Force and Royal Air Force tankers flew 33 sorties and off-loaded nearly two million pounds of fuel.

Ways to a successful Operational Readiness Exercises and Inspections is Operational Risk Management.

The 116th Air Control Wing is scheduled for an Operational Readiness Inspection in December. The 116th Safety office has been stressed throughout the wing in preparation for the ORI. Remember, we can achieve our goal of a successful ORI with Operational Risk Management. The ORM Chart matrix is a simplified way to put ORM into effect. ORM can be used in any process aimed at reducing and eliminating potential hazards.

Step 1: A hazard can be defined as any real or potential condition that can cause mission degradation, injury, illness, death to personnel or damage to or loss of equipment or property.

Step 2: Risk is the probability and severity of loss from exposure to the hazard. The assessment step is the application of quantitative or qualitative measures to determine the level if risk associated with the specific hazard. The process defines the probability and severity of an undesirable that could result from the hazard.

Step 3: Investigate specific strategies and tools that reduce, mitigate or eliminate the risk. Effective control measures, reduces or eliminates one of the three components of risk; probability, severity or exposure.

Step 4: After controls have been selected to eliminate hazards or reduce their risk, determine the level of residual risk for the selected tasking, mission and/or course of action.

Step 5: Once the risk control decision is made, assets must be made available to implement specific controls. Part of implementing control measures is informing the personnel in the system of the risk management process results and subsequent decisions.

Make implementation clear
Establish accountability
Provide support

Step 6: Once controls are in place, the process must be periodically reevaluated to ensure their effectiveness.

More information on ORM can be found on the Air Force Safety Center website at <http://afsafety.af.mil/>.

What are you thankful for?



Becky Anderson
USO Office director

“Friends, family, faith, our mili-
tary and my good health.”



John Statham
C-5 sheet metal mechanic

“I’m thankful for my kids and
time off to be with my family.”

*On Friday, the
Rev-Up asked
randomly chosen
Robins employees
that question.*

*This is how they
responded.*



Frank Harden
Robins ITT Travel Office

“I’m certainly thankful for my
family and friends. Also, to live
in this country and to have a
job. We don’t always realize how
thankful we should be to have
work.”

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Steven Wilkins
C-5 sheet metal mechanic

“I have a kid on the way. It’s my
first one and due in April.”



Staff Sgt. Genis Timmerman
78th Security Forces

“I’m thankful for my 2-year-old
daughter Ariel. She’s amazing.”